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EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The eighty-second annual meeting of the Georgia Historical Society was held April 29, 1921, at the Dempsey Hotel in Macon, with Judge Andrew J. Cobb, President of the Society, presiding.

The first paper presented was prepared and read by Judge Andrew J. Cobb, the subject of which was "The Constitution of the Confederate States; Its Influence on the Union Which It Sought to Dissovle."

Dr. E. M. Coulter, of the University of Georgia, has made a study of "The Ante-Bellum Academy Movement in Georgia"—and in his absence this paper was read by Professor J. W. W. Daniel, of Wesleyan College.

Mr. Harry Stillwell Edwards, of Macon, made an appeal to the Society and through the Society to the whole State of Georgia for the better preservation of the personal and family records of historical value.

A paper prepared by Mr. Henry R. Goetchius, of Columbus, entitled, "Why the Confederate Soldier Was Neither a Rebel Nor a Traitor," was read by Mr. P. F. Brock, of Macon.

Colonel John T. Boifeuillet prepared a biographical sketch of United States Senator A. O. Bacon, which in his absence was read by Mr. Otis Ashmore.

President Rufus W. Weaver, of Mercer University, and President W. F. Quillian, of Wesleyan College, were both recognized and spoke briefly expressing the welcome which

these two institutions and the city of Macon extended to the Society.

Miss Mary Lane, of the History Club of Macon, presented a paper entitled, "Macon: an Historical Retrospect."

The History Club of Macon, in addition to the paper by Miss Lane, furnished the following program: Duo for two pianos, Mrs. I. H. Adams and Mrs. Dan C. Horgan; Readings with musical accompaniment, Miss Anna Smith; Vocal selection, Mrs. E. W. Gould.

The afternoon session was held at Wesleyan College, and at the conclusion of the program a reception was tendered by the History Club of Macon.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was presented and the following summary was made in regard to membership: Paying members, 851; corresponding members, 6; honorary members, 5; life members, 4; total, 866. The number of those who had paid their membership dues before April 22, was 352; those whose dues for 1921 were still unpaid numbered 432. Some 42 members have also neglected to pay their dues for previous years.

The Treasurer's report of the Secretary-Treasurer showed the following:

Cash balance October 1, 1920	$ 970.15
Receipts—October 1, 1920, to Dec. 31, 1920	37.40
	$1,007.55
Expenditures	521.67
Cash balance December 31, 1920	$ 485.88

Cash balance January 1, 1921	$ 485.88
Receipts—January 1 to April 22, 1921	1,544.85
	$2,030.73
Expenditures	1,508.89
Cash balance April 22, 1921	$ 521.84

Permanent Fund—		
U. S. Bonds	$1,500.00	
Cash in bank	102.35	
From R. J. Nunn Trust Fund	73.99	
Interest on bonds	31.87	
	$1,708.21	
Publishing Fund balance April 22, 1921		$ 411.92
U. S. Bonds from Georgia Historical Association		500.00

The report of the Finance Committee, by Mr. J. Florance Minis, was largely a summary of the report of the Treasurer.

The Committee on Publication reported that the Quarterly is being published regularly, and that it is the purpose of the committee to make it as creditable a magazine as possible.

Judge Beverly D. Evans, the chairman of the Committee on Membership reported on the special effort which had been made to secure new members. Forty new members have been received during the year and twelve members have resigned from the Society.

The report of the Librarian, Mr. William Harden, showed that 357 books had been added during the year, increasing the total to 40,733. The pamphlets number 28,723.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the formal transfer of one hundred shares of Savannah and Augusta Railroad stock belonging to the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences and held in trust by the Georgia Historical Society, to the Board of Trustees of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Judge Andrew J. Cobb presented to the Georgia Historical Society the gold pen with which his father, Hon. Howell Cobb, signed the Constitution of the Confederate States, as drafted by the Convention in Montgomery, Ala., of which he was president. The Society, by a rising vote, expressed its profound appreciation of this gift.

Acknowledgement was made of a gift of books, dealing with Georgia history, written by Miss Mildred Rutherford, of Athens, Ga., and presented to the Society.

The Society expressed its appreciation of the services of Mr. Charles F. Groves, who filled for several years the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. J. N. Talley, of Macon, Ga., offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the teaching of the history of Georgia in the schools and especially the high schools of the State, should be greatly encouraged.

A committee composed of Dr. R. P. Brooks, Colonel A. R. Lawton and Mr. J. Florance Minis, was appointed to recommend five curators. The following were recommended and elected: Mr. F. M. Cunningham, Jr., Mr. Orville A. Park, Mr. Lawton B. Evans, Mr. A. C. Newell and Mr. J. Florance Minis.

The present officers were all re-elected. Judge Beverly D. Evans was elected Frist Vice President to succeed Dr. F. J. Charlton, deceased.

On motion of Dr. R. P. Brooks, it was agreed that this annual meeting should be fully reported in the June issue of the Quarterly.

A committee composed of Mr. Otis Ashmore, Mr. Charles F. Groves, Mr. J. Florance Minis and Dr. R. P. Brooks, was appointed to revise the list of members and to drop those who are in arrears, who, in their judgment, should be no longer considered members.

A resolution was adopted that the Quarterly should not be mailed to members who are in arrears.

It was voted that the senior resident Vice-President living in Savannah should act as the representative of the Society on the Board of Trustees of the R. J. Nunn Trust Fund.

The collection of coins which was made by Dr. R. J. Nunn was offered to the Society at the nominal sum of one dollar and accepted.